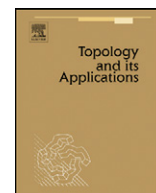



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Preface: Workshop “Aspects of Contemporary Topology III”

An international workshop “Aspects of Contemporary Topology III” took place at the University of Antwerp, Belgium, in 2007, between Sunday December 9 (arrival date) and Saturday December 15 (departure date).

The workshop was sponsored by the University of Antwerp (UA), the Free University of Brussels (VUB), Wiskunde Onderzoeksgemeenschap WO.00301N of the Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), the Bilateral Scientific and Technological Cooperation S.A., and Projects G.0244.05 and G0335.04 of the Research Foundation Flanders (FWO). The local organizing committee consisted of Eva Colebunders (VUB), Robert Lowen (UA), Mark Sioen (VUB) and Stijn Verwulgen (UA).

The main topics of the workshop were Non-Symmetric Topology, Closure Operators, Pointfree Topology, Choice Principles, Approach Theory, Algebraic Methods in Topology, Categorical Methods in Algebra, Topology and Functional Analysis. These topics are reflected in this volume.

There were 37 participants: from Belgium 13, South Africa 7, Germany 4, Portugal 4, Czech Republic 3, Italy 2, Canada 2, USA 1 and Great Britain 1. Thirty-one talks were given in single sessions from Monday 10 through Friday 14 December 2007, allowing plenty of time for interactions between the participants.

The proceedings of the workshop contained in this issue of Topology and its Applications present a selection of articles submitted to the guest-editors listed below.

The guest editors decided to devote the special issue to one of the organizers of the workshop, namely Robert Lowen, on the occasion of his 60th birthday. A few contributions of authors who wanted to honour the work of Robert Lowen, but whose talks were not part of the conference have also been included.

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